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EDITORIAL COMMENT

IT WON'T HURT!

It won't hurt you a single bit but it will certainly hurt and perhaps bring death to the sons of many of our Wellesley families, who are fighting a desperate war in Korea, if you do not volunteer to give a pint of your blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to town next week.

With a population of more than 22,000 in Wellesley it is always difficult to find three hundred people who will share their blood with those in need. Wellesley people are tremendously liberal in giving of their money to every worthy cause. Our townspeople are leaders in practically every charitable drive for funds for the poor, the underfed and others in need. But they do not match this liberality when it comes to giving a pint of blood to start life going again in a seriously wounded soldier or a victim of an accident or one who is in serious condition following surgery.

We know that it isn't because these fine neighbors of ours don't want to help, for they are the most generous people in the world. It is rather that they are probably worried that the little blood-giving operation might be painful or have unfortunate results. Both of these worries have been nullified by the statements of doctors, nurses and those who have given blood. There is neither pain nor serious after-effects to the giving of blood, but rather a great feeling of pride at the thought of having probably saved the life of a wounded boy in Korea.

The Wellesley Red Cross Chapter is looking for several hundred more volunteers to give blood next week. Usually it is the same group who give time and time again to keep the blood bank supplied. We hope that there will be several hundred new givers on this occasion and that Wellesley will again go over the top as it does in practically every other campaign for a worthy cause.

HELP SAVE OUR ELMS

Since 1941, when the Dutch elm disease was first found in Massachusetts, 8872 elms in 209 towns located in 11 of the 12 counties on the mainland are known to have been destroyed because of this disease. In a recent elm census the estimated value of the elms in four Massachusetts cities and towns was conservatively placed at \$7,300,000. Trees are valuable citizens and constitute an important part of taxable property. When the number of trees cut in a community exceeds the number of trees planted, the community faces a disaster of considerable significance.

Already a number of beautiful old elms have had to be taken down in Wellesley because of the Dutch elm disease. The Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and the Tree Warden met on Monday with experts to learn what might be done to save the Wellesley elms before it is too late. Worthwhile advice was given and the suggestions which were made will be carried out. But it will require the cooperation of the entire town if we are to keep the disease from spreading.

Homeowners are asked to cooperate in the drive to save the Wellesley elms by telephoning or writing at once to the Tree Warden, Mr. Howard Bolles. He will be interested to learn at once of any signs of the disease on elms which are on private property or town land. If a tree is diseased it must be cut down and burned immediately. We hope that everyone will serve on the town-wide committee of citizens who are interested in preserving the beauty of Wellesley by protecting the trees which have been part of our local scene for a great many decades.

JOIN THE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

Truth is a mighty weapon, but even the mightiest weapon must be used to be effective. It has been said that in the free world's Cold War with communism, we are not using the weapon of truth lustily enough, that we are not telling the truth about democracy widely enough, often enough or loud enough.

In June of last year, when the North Korean Reds crossed the 38th Parallel and sought to conquer South Korea by force of arms, the Moscow radio told the Russian people the war was started by a South Korean invasion of the north. Further, it said hostilities were ordered by America, to seize and exploit all of Korea.

Millions of Russians and other people behind the Iron Curtain believe that colossal lie—because they have been denied the opportunity to learn the truth. Day and night the plotters in the Kremlin feed their millions of slave subjects similar fantastic lies about America and the other countries allied with us in the fight against communism. The Russian rulers know they dare not start a world war until they have made their people hate us sufficiently.

The most effective weapon against the Kremlin's lying is the simple truth. If World War III is to be headed off, the ordinary people in Russia and its satellites

More On Trucks Along Washington Street

October 7, 1951

The Townsman,

Dear Sir:

It is the opinion of the writer that heavy trucks be eliminated from Washington street at route No. 128 in Newton to the overpass at Wellesley Hills where it joins the Worcester Turnpike. These large trailer trucks constitute a noise nuisance, and traffic hazard to pedestrians and passenger cars in the Lower Falls business area.

Most important of all is the danger to children attending the Warren School and using the playground during hours when no police protection can be maintained.

It would seem to me that a plan could be devised so that these trucks could use our new million dollar per mile Route No. 128 and thus remove them from the already over-crowded Washington street. Thus far I have heard no valid reason why this cannot be accomplished. There must be many citizens of our town who feel strongly about this matter. Perhaps we could enlist the aid of Senator Leslie B. Cutler and other prominent political figures to bring about action on this problem. Maybe the slogan "add a mile and save a child" could be sold to the traffic experts in the State House. I hold no brief against the trucking industry who have consistently backed all programs contributing to highway safety.

All I ask is that this problem be studied and a reasonable solution be reached.

Thank you,
Edward Nathaniel Smith

My Rose

Do you find it hard to be gentle, And patient, and kind, and good; Are you tempted sometimes to speak harshly, Do you ever say more than you should?

Well, here is a little suggestion, That may help you along life's way, It has taught me to be more careful In things that I do and say.

Each morning I pick, in fancy A beautiful, fresh-blown rose, And wear it right where I can see it Until the day comes to a close.

And for every little unkind thing That I think, or do, or say, I pluck from my beautiful, beautiful rose A petal, and throw it away.

So one by one the petals go, And when the day is gone, My rose is just what I've made it, Its beauty and fragrance are gone.

But day after day I wear my rose, And pray that some time it may be As lovely and sweet as the long day's close As when it was taken by me.

Ethel Dean Hilliary
(The girl who wrote this was blind.)

Newcomers to Wellesley

Mr. and Mrs. Emil O. J. Danielson moved to 50 Pine street early this week from Brookline after spending the summer at their place in Centerville. Mr. Danielson, who has been president of Scott & Company, Ltd., men's clothing of Boston, since 1929, joined that firm in 1907. He formerly was Swedish consul in Boston for an eight-year period; that post is now held by Arthur J. Anderson, also of Wellesley. The couple's son, Eric W. Danielson, and his family have resided at 7 Fiske road for the past eight years.

must be told the truth. That is the objective of the public-spirited citizens behind the Crusade for Freedom and its broadcasting system, Radio Free Europe, which is taking the truth about the free world to the confused millions behind the Iron Curtain.

Last year, 16 million Americans enrolled in the Crusade for Freedom. Their contributions of more than \$1,300,000 erected the symbolic Freedom Bell in Berlin and built a new station for Radio Free Europe in Munich that is the free world's most powerful beam transmitter. Day in and day out, Radio Free Europe carries on a slugging war of truth against the propaganda lies of the Kremlin. It undermines the morale of the Communist puppet regimes, exposes Quislings and informers by name, sends messages from the lucky ones who have managed to escape, and helps to keep alive the hope of freedom in the hearts of the imprisoned peoples. That fight must be stepped up even more.

During September, all loyal Americans are invited to "enlist" in the Crusade for Freedom, and thus stand up for the glorious freedoms that have made our country what it is. This invitation comes from such outstanding leaders as General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, and many others.

This year the Crusade for Freedom is asking the moral and financial support of twenty-five million Americans, to make possible more broadcasting stations to intensify our counterattack against the Kremlin's lying campaign. The 1951 goal of \$3,500,000 will pay for at least two more powerful radio stations in Europe, as well as a new transmitter for Asia to help fight communism in the Far East.

Radio Free Europe is getting results, for recently the Czech government demanded the broadcasts be stopped. But Radio Free Europe is not a Government project; it is supported by U. S. citizens like you and me who enjoy freedom of speech.

These freedom broadcasts will continue in ever-increasing volume as more and more Americans lend their financial support. If we can win this war of ideas by telling the truth again and again, a global shooting war may be prevented.

By Graham Patterson, Publisher, Pathfinder News Magazine

Your Child of Today

Wellesley Human Relation Service

The Meaning of "Selfishness"

Children show behavior which we adults are prone to call selfish or altruistic. When a child will not share his toys with a playmate, when he will not give up his turn to a brother or sister, when his own wishes seem uppermost in his consideration, we call him "selfish." When he finds it easy to share with others, when his own demands may be modified in the light of changed situations, we call him "unselfish." Sometimes we say he is "altruistic."

People are by nature both of these things. It is curious to note that the most unselfish are the ones who are most secure, the ones who have the most confidence. These are the children whose sense of self has been nourished by security, confidence, and the opportunity to develop a sense of adequacy.

The children who are the most selfish tend to be those who are the most insecure, who lack the greatest sense of adequacy, who are most deprived from building the sense of confidence which always gives nourishment to a healthy development of the ego, or the self. The selfish child usually needs more support, more confidence and more respect for his individuality.

The concept "selfishness" then becomes less of a moral concept and more a psychological symptom. Selfishness can be seen as the heroic attempt of the child to protect his individuality from being threatened by those around him who are larger, more powerful, or seemed to be more loved.

Usually this behavior is a signal for the need for greater security, more support, and opportunities to build more confidence.

The ability to share, to cooperate, and to give of oneself develops with age. We do not see much "unselfish" behavior from the very young child, and should not expect it. The child is usually four or five before he can successfully function in a cooperative group.

The older child gets his satisfaction from being "unselfish," from sharing with others. At adolescence the boy or girl may again find it harder to share with others; but this is an important period for the development of the self, or as we sometimes call it, the ego. Therefore, as the period is more crucial, the threats are greater.

One thing seems clear: One cannot by decree make selfish children unselfish. One can only develop their sense of inner security so that the act of sharing possessions is not at the same time an act which takes too much away from themselves.

The most selfish, or egotistical adults we know are usually persons who are carrying on the fight to gain security and confidence. These embattled adults often suffer from not having had a chance to grow through the natural self-centered stages of childhood to the more mature and secure "altruistic" aspects of adulthood. Sometimes they are the victims of adults who pressed upon them a premature "unselfishness."

Our Editors, from coast to coast With skill, their columns write They take the pulse of the Nation Their recordings most always right.

To be sure, the price of news did rise As publishing costs, increased Higher salaries, forced the publishers To charge more, for news released.

The latest hike in newspaper Fifty million, cost the press Readers must share in rising costs News guides them, in days of stress.

In Los Angeles, The Examiner And also The Morning Times Have hiked their price from seven cents October first, to dimes.

With a sweep of the pen we pay each tax Watch it drip, through Washington sieves So do not complain, at the price of news For the Press, in return—still gives!

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Our Daily and Weekly papers Age guide posts, in days of stress Be thankful America still retains The "Bill of Rights," Free Press.

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Neighborhood News

Maurice Reagan of 17 Tennyson road was part of a group from Organized Surface Division 1-5, U. S. Naval Reserve, who recently gave blood to the American Red Cross to be sent directly to the fighting forces in Korea.

Mrs. Richard A. Whitney of 7 Lincoln road and Mrs. Thomas B. Eastburn, Jr., of 8 Garden road were among the members of the Boston Intercollegiate Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity who recently attended the Alpha Province Convention, Mrs. Whitney serving as National Director of Chapters.

Communications Group Active In Civil Defense

By John R. Robertson

So well organized are Wellesley Civil Defense communication facilities that in the first statewide test held last month seven Wellesley emergency radio stations were on the air and handling message traffic within three minutes after sounding of the alert. By this performance, says Donald W. Scully, Deputy Director of Communications, Wellesley topped other Commonwealth towns both in number of stations operating and in the efficiency of its flexible dual-channel system.

The function of this department of Civil Defense, of which Thaxter A. Williams and S. Willard Bridges, Jr., serve as Assistant Deputy Directors, is to provide emergency communication facilities within the town and with other towns to supplement telephone communication or substitute for it should power failure disrupt wire service; to cooperate with Police and Fire Department radio systems in time of disaster; to provide air-raid warning service to alert the town; and to make on-the-spot communication facilities available to Medical Aid, Radiological, and Disaster Rescue teams, Air Raid Warden and Red Cross groups, and public utility maintenance crews.

Wellesley's Civil Defense radio network operates under Federal Communications Commission license and has been assigned the call letters WITKZ. Ten stations are spotted throughout the town, each comprising a receiver, 20-watt crystal-controlled transmitter, and power supply. A complete mobile station is also available for service from any automobile. Installed at Civil Defense Agency headquarters in the Wellesley Hills Branch Library are two stations, one to control local message traffic to and from all parts of the town and the other to maintain communications with Sector Headquarters in Newton.

All stations are supplied with 300-watt gasoline generators which are regularly tested to insure readiness to operate in the event of power failure. Library headquarters are also equipped with a 15-kilowatt emergency power unit capable of operating lighting and heating equipment in addition to all radio equipment. At the Wellesley Police Station a high-frequency receiver has been installed and is in operation twenty-four hours a day to receive and monitor State Police transmissions relating to Civil Defense. Any statewide alarm would be received at this point and Civil Defense alerted and activated. All transmitting, receiving and power units were purchased by the Town and installed by members of the Communications group. Some additional privately owned equipment has also been made available.

Current activities of the Communications Section include regular weekly drills with traffic handling of messages, maintenance of station record logs as required by law, and on-call service to community groups whenever emergency radio communication may be required. The fall program of instruction in radio theory, code practice and general preparation for the FCC operator license examination has been started. Instruction is open to all and classes are held every Wednesday evening at CD Library headquarters under the direction of Theodore D. Hale, assisted by Edward F. Dillard, who is also in charge of Publicity for the Communications group. Horace Schermerhorn, Jr., responsible also for Maintenance of Equipment and Fred F. Schermerhorn, Jr., in charge of Operating Procedure. Two members of previous instruction groups, Horace Schermerhorn, Jr., and Franklin Sanders, have already obtained their operator licenses.

Another function of the Communications Section, establishment of an air-raid warning system, has been thoroughly surveyed by Thaxter A. Williams and has had the detailed study of the Selectmen, Director Irving P. Gramkow, Fire Chief Thomas F. Slaman, and the Head of the Fire and Police Signal System, Charles E. Fuller. An economical and effective plan is now being evolved through which the equipment to be installed will become an integral part of the Town's fire alarm system. Detailed information on the air-raid warning system will be released at a later date.

Facilities at the Wellesley Hills Branch Library, where Albert H. Graf is in charge of Communications Control, may be inspected Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., when regular drills are scheduled, and Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m. Other active members of the Communications Section, which plans to expand its facilities and to increase its membership, are John Eichorn, Harold M. Hart, Rodney Holt, Thomas Jedrejczak, George R. Loud, Harold A. Rogers, Stephen Sharp, Fredrick Tedford, Willard Dow, Herbert W. Gordon, Thomas K. Heathwood, Gordon S. Humphrey, William W. Lang, Jr., Peter F. Popko, Rodman Sharp, and Roy E. Snow. Anyone wishing to volunteer for service with this Civil Defense group should contact Donald W. Scully at Wellesley 5-4542-W or Edward F. Dillard, at Wellesley 5-1822.

Crusading For Children

By John R. Robertson

One of the greatest responsibilities to children which our public and private agencies have is an interpretative one: To advise, to inform, and to educate the general public and to enlist their support and, even more important, their active help. No child welfare program, however well-planned, or well-financed, can develop successfully beyond the point of public acceptance. The best program will fail, if a community is indifferent. Too often the enthusiasm of a community for a worthwhile program is a once-yearly matter during the period of a "drive" or a community chest campaign. At those times civic and social leaders rally, in an annual burst of civic-consciousness, about the banners of the worthy causes. So much is commendable, and it is appreciated, but it is not enough, because the work of our social service agencies is a twelve-month, day-in-and-day-out service to which continuing attention must be given.

The taxpayer, the community chest contributor, and others who would help must be sold on the worthwhileness of any program, or their apathy will strangle that program beyond the point where it is recognizable. It is unfortunate but understandable that social workers are most visible among their own kind; when they seek to present their case to the public at large they talk in terms so technical that the average citizen is confused, if not baffled, by the flow of stock phrases and pseudo-technical comments upon the current scene and its many problems. With what result?

Mr. General Public isn't interested again in what the social service agency has to say until a half-naked waif on a door-step or some other sensational happening focusses attention on the agency and its field of service. When these things occur, the social worker has to "make sense" in whatever he says, because he is literally on trial before the community he serves.

Let's look at a typical sample of what can happen in a typical American city. In one of our larger cities there was a home for children who had been removed from their homes. The institution was tax-supported, and in a space that was considered proper and safe for seventy-five youngsters, there were one hundred eighty!

What happened? The State Board of Health and the State Fire Marshal condemned the institution as "dangerous to health and safety." To be sure, the space used had been licensed as a safe situation for only seventy-five. The Children's Division of the State Department of Public Welfare would not license the institution, as it did not meet standards. That seems reasonable, but after all, just what were social workers in the area to do? It was no fault of theirs that a badly overcrowded refuge for homeless children was overcrowded. It was no failure on their part that there was no other place in which to place the homeless, and destitute children who came to them for help and shelter.

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Greenhouse Reflections

The hardy potted chrysanthemum plants that are in now are real beauties. Some are 3 feet across and after giving enjoyment inside can be set outside. They are grown near the seashore down in Gloucester. Excellent gifts that will always be a reminder of you. \$5 and \$6 each.

New things are always coming in—plastic candle holders for one candle with a vacuum cup—bamboo trays for vases or for dried arrangements—blocks of red cedar and cork footed wicker arrangements—glass marbles to add interest to glass dishes or flat bowls—metal dishes with a removable pin-point flower holder (new from the West Coast)—natural colored baskets from Japan. Flowers in our churches are overwhelming evidence of their inspirational value.

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